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To: Microsoft ATR
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To whom it may concern,

Under the provisions of the Tunney Act, I am writing to add my voice strongly against the proposed settlement of the case of the United States of America vs. Microsoft Corporation (Civil Action No. 98-1232) as is encouraged.

From my perspective, Microsoft's anti-competitive practices have almost destroyed innovation in the computer field today. No punishment can undo this damage as it is now impossible to bring back the competitors that have been forced out of business or into other markets. Please consider requiring the proprietary standards Microsoft uses to lock developers into their technologies to be opened to the public domain (if not the actual source code, at least a well documented specification). Though there are other problems with the settlement, this omission is one of the most glaring to my eyes.

In summary, the currently proposed settlement between the USA and Microsoft is insufficient and should be changed.

Thank you for considering my comments. I hope this missive reaches you in time.

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